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PATENT APPLICATION

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1724

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Kazuto HASHIZUME

Application No.: 09/868,632

Filed: June 26, 2001

For: ADVANCED WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM AND ADVANCED WATER
TREATMENT METHOD

Attorney Docket No.: OHT-0006

Examiner: B. Hoey

Art Unit: 1724

Confirmation No.: 4075

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 23, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Claims 2-5, 8-17 and 20-35 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 8, 24, 32 and 34 are amended.

Applicant expresses his appreciation for the Examiner's allowance of claims 3, 4, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 20-23, 25-31 and 33-35.

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

(There are no amendments to the specification)

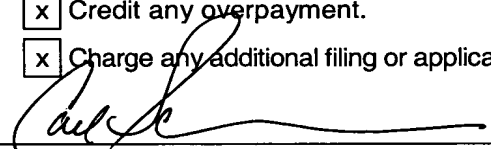
III. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached Replacement Sheet of drawing figure includes changes to Fig. 1 by adding reference numerals "7b" to show ozone bubble forming devices and correcting typographical errors.



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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER				Docket No. OHT-0006	
Application No. 09/868,632		Filing Date June 26, 2001		Examiner B. Hoey	
				Art Unit 1724	
Applicant(s): Kazuto HASHIZUME					
Invention: ADVANCED WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM AND ADVANCED WATER TREATMENT METHOD					
TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate	
Total Claims	30	- 32 =		x	0.00
Independent Claims	11	- 11 =		x	
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Other fee (please specify):					
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large Entity <input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for this amendment.					
<input type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.					
<input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.					
<input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. <u>18-0013</u> as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Credit any overpayment.					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charge any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17.					
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